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KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
A statutory and autonomous body, Government of Kerala

NOTIFICATION
FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE PLAN SCHEME
'BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION' FOR THE F.Y. 2024-2025

Title of the project:
Local Agrobiodiversity heritage systems of Kerala: Documentation and Conservation

About the project:

The project focuses on the concept of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS), which represent living systems shaped by communities in close relation with their environments. Since 2005, the FAO has designated 89 such systems globally, including three from India: Kuttanad, Koraput, and Pampore. This initiative aims to identify additional local agrobiodiversity heritage systems (LAHS) in Kerala, starting with the documentation and study of Pokkali, Kole, and Kaipad systems.

Objectives:

- Documentation: Identify and document the current status and historical context of Pokkali, Kaipad, and Kole agrobiodiversity systems in Kerala.
- Declaration: Facilitate the declaration of these systems as agrobiodiversity heritage systems in collaboration with relevant Biodiversity Management Committees, Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB), and other stakeholders.
- Conservation and Awareness: Develop conservation strategies and action plan and awareness measures regarding these agrobiodiversity heritage systems.

Project Duration:

1 year, starting from the date of project sanctioning.

Expected Outcomes:

- Comprehensive database on Pokkali, Kole, and Kaipad systems.
- Successful declaration of the three systems as agrobiodiversity heritage systems.
- Increased awareness and understanding of the significance of these systems.
- Established conservation strategies for the identified agrobiodiversity heritage systems.

Budget:

The project budget is set at a total of ₹6 Lakhs, with a maximum allocation of ₹2 Lakhs per system. Implementation will be outsourced through Expressions of Interest (EOI) from research institutions.

Project Locations:

All districts of Kerala State.

Eligibility:

Scientists and academicians from recognized R&D institutions, universities, and government departments with relevant experience can apply. Proposals should be prepared by the Principal Investigator (PI) and endorsed by the Head of the Institution. Collaborative proposals are encouraged.

Application Process:

Submit three hard copies of the detailed proposal in the prescribed format to: Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board, Kailasam, T.C. 4/1679(1), No. 43, Belhaven Gardens, Kowdiar P.O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695003, by 06/11/2024.

Proposals will be shortlisted and assessed by an Expert Group Committee. Principal Investigators with feasible proposals will be invited to present to the Committee. Note that no TA/DA will be provided for presentations.

Important Links:

Application form and detailed guidelines are available on website of Kerala State Biodiversity Board (<https://keralabiodiversity.org/>)

- Encl: 1. Application form
2. GIAHS template

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Member Secretary

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